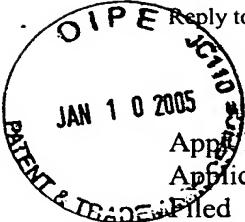


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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 10, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040907). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on December 10, 2004. Accordingly, Application respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended for one month, up to and including, January 10, 2005. The required extension of time fee (\$120.00) is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include one replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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January 6, 2005

Signature of Attorney/Date